

MINUTES

**STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Steve Gillman
Jason Durr, Chair
Tim Jensen
Greg Morical
Opal Kuhl
Susan Zellers

Members Absent:

Sam Reed

Attending Administrative Staff:

Amy Hall - Board Director
Chris Shea-Russell – Assistant Board Director
Donald ‘Ned’ Hannah - Board Counsel
Margie Addington - Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER – Jason Durr called to order the meeting at **9:01 a.m.**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made by Greg Morical and seconded by Susan Zellers to adopt and approve the agenda.

Motion carries 6/0/0

Steve Gillman	Aye
Jason Durr	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2022, BOARD MEETING

Motion made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Greg Morical to approve the January 11, 2022.

Motion carries 6/0/0

Steve Gillman	Aye
Jason Durr	Aye

Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kiely Keesler provided a report from the attorney general's office of current complaints. Greg Morical inquired about the time frame of open litigation cases. There are 10 current open investigations though no open litigation files.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Michael McCool – Cause No: 2020SBRPE0004 Petition to Withdraw from Probation

Michael McCool appeared before the board for his petition to withdraw from probation. The board made a motion to approve the petition to withdraw from probation.

Opal Kuhl and seconded by Tim Jensen
Motion carries 6/0/0

Sam Reed	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Jason Durr	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

NONE

APPLICATION REVIEW

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. NCEES Annual Meeting Delegates – August 23 thru August 26

Greg Morical, Tim Jensen, Opal Kuhl, Susan Zellers and Jason Durr will be the delegates representing Indiana at the NCEES Annual Meeting in August. Amy Hall will submit the delegates to NCEES.

2. Decoupling

Jason Durr discussed decoupling with the board. Much discussion about decoupling, the pros and cons associated with it. It was determined that more members are in favor of keeping the status quo, having the applicants gain their experience, though those applicants with an ABET degree would not be required to submit their application prior to the exam, it was suggested. This led to discussion about technology degrees and how it's difficult to obtain a license with a technical degree. The licensee's experience is an important factor prior to taking the exam, it was stated. Does this barrier really detract the best and brightest? There is an "ABET" for technology degrees, in the beginning stages. Maybe checklist of criteria placed on the website and associate with NCEES to certify that they meet the criteria when they sit for the exam. Certification thru NCEES is the recommended way. Once clear and correct verbiage is determined, Amy will work with NCEES about getting this implemented. This only for the ABET degree applicants.

Greg Morical made a motion and was seconded by Opal Kuhl to make a Task Force to work with NCEES and Evan Bartel to make sure this can be achieved.
Motion carries 6/0/0

Steve Gillman	Aye
Jason Durr	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

The investigations are being reviewed with board liaison; Greg Morical was inquiring.

Discussed the upcoming renewal and the submittal of continuing education at the time the licensee renews. The board agreed that this was a logical, efficient and sound way to renew a license, since licensees attest that they have completed their continuing education.

Greg mentioned rule 11 and ethics, that Steve provided in his Continuing Education Class on Ethics. Rule 11 is the guideline for ethics for the Board of Engineers in Indiana.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26